

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Before line 1 of the Specification, please add the following new paragraph:

This nonprovisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) on Patent Application No. 2002-378780 filed in JAPAN on December 27, 2002, which is herein incorporated by reference.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 7 as follows:

FIG. 1(A) is a plan view illustrating an evacuable valve of the embodiment of the present invention, and FIG. 2(B) 1(B) is a bottom view illustrating the same,

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 22 as follows:

FIG. 7(A) is a diagram showing an example of the production system for evacuable bags of the embodiment, and FIG. 7(B) is a diagram showing the relationship between the bag sheet and the evacuable bag during production.